# **FOHPP Bios**

# **Board of Directors**

# **Phillip Aiello**

Phil Aiello works as a Senior Development Manager for Mandel Group, Inc. where he is currently managing over \$200 million in developments planned for construction in 2014 in downtown Milwaukee, Wauwatosa and Brookfield. Phil received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1994 and an MBA in Real Estate in 2001. He served as president of the Urban Currents board for Young Professionals of Milwaukee, received the Business Journal's 40-under-40 award in 2010, and has been an Emerging Leader for United Way for the past five years.

# Jane Conarchy

Jane works in the medical field helping patients navigate their insurance coverage. She is a lifelong resident of Wauwatosa, graduating from Wauwatosa East High School. She is a past president of the Roosevelt PTA and worked on the successful fundraising campaign to build a new playground at the school. Jane became involved in FOHPP at the very beginning, recognizing the desire of the community for a swimming pool. Jane brings a wealth of experience in community fundraising and has coordinated many of FOHPP's successful fundraising events.

# **Brendan Conway**

Brendan Conway is the Chief Marketing & Communications Officer at the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS). He joined the FOHPP Board in 2015, Brendan currently serves as the Chair of the FOHPP Communications Committee. When he's not enjoying beautiful East Tosa, he can be found wrangling his three children at the pool or enjoying a drink at The Landing.

# **Arline Hayes**

Arline Hayes is a long-time Wauwatosa resident. She has been active in many civic organizations including the Wauwatosa Historical Society and Olde Hillcrest Neighborhood Association. Arline is one of the original FOHPP board members and was a driving force behind our efforts to maintain and preserve the historic bathhouse. She has four grandchildren.

# **Barb Holtz**

Barb works as coordinator of the FAST program for infants and toddlers at Lutheran Social Services in Waukesha. She taught high school English for seven years in the Elmbrook School Distirct before pursuing work in family services and child abuse prevention. Her volunteer roles have included McKinley Elementary School PTA president, First Stage board member, Prevent Child Abuse Wisconsin Board president and Wauwatosa Youth Commission chairwoman. She has a bachelor's degree in American studies from Lawrence University.

#### Heidi Janzen

Heidi grew up swimming at Hoyt Park and remembers some summers riding her bike to the pool nearly every day. As one of the founding members of FOHPP in 2006, she has served as treasurer, vicepresident and now as the current President of the board. Heidi has an Executive Master's degree in Business Administration and works at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee as the Director for Research Support, Development and Commercialization in the Helen Bader School of Social Welfare and as the Interim Assistant Dean for Business Affairs for the College of Nursing and the School of Information Studies.

## **Denise Lindberg**

Denise Lindberg was a driving force behind the Friends of Hoyt Park & Pool, Inc. from the time of its grass-roots formation, through fundraising, construction and the TOSA Pool at Hoyt Park's first years of operation serving as the board President. For her efforts, Denise has been awarded the Arthur B. Kohasky Leadership Award (Wauwatosa Library Foundation, April 2011) and the Wauwatosa Distinguished Citizen of 2011 (awarded April. 2012). Denise was also instrumental in establishing the neighborhood associations in Wauwatosa and served on the city's community-based Strategic Planning Committee in the late 1990s. A graduate of UW-Madison majoring in English, Denise taught freshman English for three years, went on to work for 12 years in the educational film industry traveling extensively on business, and then spent 15 years facilitating workshops nationwide for Wilson Learning, focusing on consultative process and communication skills. Denise became involved with the efforts to restore Hoyt Park's 100-year swimming tradition through her leadership role on the Wauwatosa Neighborhood Association Council.

# Katie Muldoon

Katie Muldoon grew up in the Milwaukee area and can remember coming to Hoyt Pool in the 1980s when it was one of two Milwaukee County Pools that had a water slide. Katie is an estate planning attorney at Quarles & Brady and enjoys working with individuals and closely held businesses on tax, estate planning and business succession matters. She is active in the community and currently serves on the Board of Directors for Discovery World and volunteers at a number of pro bono legal clinics, including the Children's Hospital Guardianship Clinic. She also volunteers at her children's school, Wauwatosa Montessori. Katie attended the University of Notre Dame, where she was a member of the women's rowing team, followed by Boston University School of Law. Between college and law school, she spent a year teaching English in Tianjin, China. Katie and her husband, Tom, live in (and love) Wauwatosa. They have four children: Claire, Brennan, Sean and Quinn.

#### **Bobby Pantuso**

Bobby Pantuso is a lifelong Wauwatosa resident and has served as 5<sup>th</sup> District alderman since 2010. He is a Tosa East High School graduate and has a bachelor's degree in community engagement and education from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Bobby works in mission advancement for Society of the Divine Savior, where he is associate director of vocations.

#### **Mary Pluta**

Mary Pluta is the former FOHPP director of communications. She holds a master's degree in public administration and works as a legislative aide to State Sen. Luther Olsen. Mary became involved with FOHPP in 2006 because she wanted her daughter to grow up spending her summers at the local pool, as she had done. Mary also volunteers at her church and in her daughter's school.

## **Brent T. Pitcher**

Brent is a Vice President and member of the Board of Directors at GRAEF. GRAEF is the firm that provided civil engineering services for the Rotary Centennial Arboretum project at the Urban Ecology Center. He has been a partner of the firm since 2007 when he served as the Sports & Recreation Market Team Leader. From 2010 until 2013 Brent was the managing principal of GRAEF's Madison office. Brent returned to the Milwaukee office and GRAEF headquarters in October of 2013 to become the leader of the Infrastructure Group, providing civil engineering, environmental, land planning, and landscape architectural services to GRAEF's clients. Brent is a 1994 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison with honors from the Civil & Environmental Engineering Department. He currently serves on the Alumni Advisory Board for the department. Brent resides in Wauwatosa with his wife of 20 years, Michele, and their two beautiful daughters, Hailey (14) and Lexi (12). Brent is an eternal optimist with a love of outdoor activities, particularly time spent on a trail, golf course, or lake in Wisconsin's Northwoods.

# **Alyssa Remington**

Alyssa is an Economic Development Specialist for the City of Milwaukee's Department of City Development. She manages on-going projects such as the Riverwalk and works with developers and businesses to provide projects with public financing. She brings her knowledge of on-going construction projects and project management to the FOHPP board. Alyssa has a degree in Natural Science from UW-Madison, and a Master's Degree in Urban Planning from UW-Milwaukee. She is an active member of The Milwaukee Rowing Club, and is the Race Director of the Milwaukee River Challenge. Alyssa is married with two children and lives in Milwaukee's Enderis Park Neighborhood.

#### **Doug Stencel**

Doug Stencel's over 20 years in the financial industry includes 15 years of tax and accounting experience as a partner at Arthur Andersen and PriceWaterhouseCoopers. Doug currently works at RW Baird where he works closely with client accounting, tax and legal/estate planning professionals in constructing and managing their investment portfolios. A graduate cum laude from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a degree in accounting and political science, Doug received his Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University. His legal and accounting experience includes extensive work in federal and state tax. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a member of the Wisconsin State Bar, Milwaukee Bar Association, and American Bar Association.

#### Mike Wick

Mike Wick is the Director of the Wauwatosa Recreation Department. He came to Wauwatosa from Elk Grove Park District in Illinois, where he was responsible for directing recreation programs, services, events and facilities. Mike grew up in Turtle Lake, Wisconsin and graduated from the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse in 2005. Mike is a passionate advocate for community recreation programs and personal health and wellness and brings that enthusiasm to the important relationship the Friends of Hoyt Park & Pool has with the Wauwatosa Recreation Department. His dedication to enhancing the lives of youth, teens and adults in our community makes him an asset to the FOHPP Board.

#### Lynn Wilke

Lynn joined the FOHPP Board of Directors in 2015 and currently serves on the Operations Committee. She was drawn to the organization by her love of the pool and beer garden. Her goal is to help ensure that the TOSA Pool is around for future generations. Lynn's previous board involvement has been as cofounder of Park Ridge Neighborhood Association and Madison Elementary PTA. She is frequently seen volunteering at Madison and Whitman Schools, Tosa Baseball League, Tosa Fastpitch, and Jr Trojan's Football events. Lynn earned her Bachelors of Science-Nursing from UW Madison and is currently employed as a Cancer Care Coordinator at Aurora Cancer Care. She is a 20-year resident of Wauwatosa and enjoys all the city has to offer with her husband, Jason, and their kids, Jake and Olivia.

# Staff

# Kit Slawski

Kit Slawski is the Executive Director of the Friends of Hoyt Park & Pool and is one of the "original six" board members of the organization. Like many of the other early volunteers, Kit grew up swimming at her community pool and was committed to creating a neighborhood pool where families could enjoy "the way summer should be." As a board member, Kit was involved with the community fundraising and the design/build of the new TOSA Pool. Kit has also been involved as a board member of the Pasedena Neighborhood Association and the Milwaukee Hurling Club. Kit has degree in Interior Design from Miami University of Ohio. Her professional background includes manufacturing project and product management, customer service and support management.

#### Debra Randall

Deb is FOHPP's Director of Finance and Administration. She has an M.B.A. in Finance from DePaul Kellstadt Graduate School of Business and a B.A. from University of Wisconsin-Madison. Prior to joining FOHPP, Deb worked in finance at Kraft Foods in Illinois. Deb also volunteers as a Girl Scout Leader, Destination Imagination Coach, and is the Treasurer of the Washington Elementary PTA. As a mother of elementary-aged children, Deb has fond memories of bringing her then-toddler children to the Hoyt Park sand playground and was eager to help in the efforts to replace the empty, deserted Hoyt Park Pool with a new pool her children and their friends could enjoy

## **David Paulsen**

David Paulsen, a native of Massachusetts and graduate of the University of Southern California, has worked as a news reporter and editor for 18 years. He joined the FOHPP staff in the part-time position of communications director in October 2016. Outside of work, Paulsen is an avid runner, a fan of music and movies, a lover of the outdoors and a den leader in Cub Scout Pack 155. He also is active in the Tosa East Towne Neighborhood Association.

## **Michael Kreuser**

Michael is facilities manager and is responsible for the coordination of the operation of the TOSA Pool aquatics and admissions and grounds maintenance operations for TOSA Pool and the Landing. He also serves as liaison with the Aquatics Safety Manager, Head Guards and Assistant Guards and coordinates Ecology Committee activities for Hoyt Park, including the river cleanup in the spring and buckthorn Removal in the fall. Michael has a degree in public relations from UW-Madison and a degree in landscape maintenance from MATC. He is formerly a volunteer and board member with the Pasadena Neighborhood Association, Wauwatosa Neighborhood Association Council and Tosa Tonight Concert Series.

## **Brian Wingert**

Brian is a Wauwatosa native who has been a member of the FOHPP staff since 2011. A graduate of both Pius XI High School and Marquette University, Brian came to FOHPP after working more than six years at the Milwaukee County Zoo as a concessions manager. As Operations Manager with FOHPP, he also holds both Food Safety Management and Pool Operation Certifications. Brian is an avid sports fan, enjoys cooking and reading, and loves to travel with family and friends in his spare time.

# **Brad Mier**

Brad is a Milwaukee native who has nearly a decade of lifeguarding experience. He has worked at a variety of pools across Milwaukee County, from the west side of Milwaukee proper all the way to Cudahy. He has been the Head Lifeguard at TOSA Pool for the past two years and is excited to take over the role of Aquatics Safety Manager. During the off-season, Brad enjoys working with children and is in the process of obtaining a teaching license from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.